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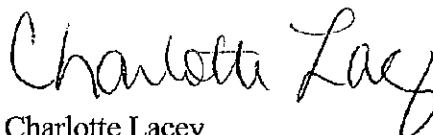
Dear Ms. Jenkins:

Enclosed please find for filing an original and three (3) copies of Pulse Telecom LLC's final tariff bearing an effective date of March 8, 2007 and Service Requirements Form.

I have also enclosed an extra copy of this letter to be time stamped and returned to me in the enclosed, pre-addressed, postage prepaid envelope.

If you have any questions or if I may provide you with additional information, please contact me at the above address or telephone number. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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**TITLE SHEET**

**OHIO TELECOMMUNICATIONS TARIFF**

**This tariff contains the descriptions, regulations, and rates applicable to the furnishing of service or facilities for Telecommunications Services furnished by Pulse Telecom LLC ("Pulse"), with principal offices at 301 South 13th Street, Suite 500, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508. This tariff applies for services furnished within the State of Ohio. This tariff is on file with the Ohio Public Utilities Commission, and copies may be inspected, during normal business hours, at the company's principal place of business.**

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The Sheets of this tariff are effective as of the date shown at the bottom of the respective sheet(s). Original and revised sheets as named below comprise all changes from the original tariff and are currently in effect as of the date on the bottom of this sheet.

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**TARIFF FORMAT**

A. Sheet Numbering: Sheet numbers appear in the upper right corner of the page. Sheets are numbered sequentially. However, new sheets are occasionally added to the tariff. When a new sheet is added between sheets already in effect, a decimal is added. For example, a new sheet added between pages 11 and 12 would be page 11.1.

B. Sheet Revision Numbers: Revision numbers also appear in the upper right corner of each sheet where applicable. These numbers are used to indicate the most current page version on file with the Commission. For example, 4th Revised Sheet 13 cancels 3rd Revised Sheet 13. Consult the Check Sheet for the sheets currently in effect.

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**SYMBOLS**

The following are the only symbols used for the purposes indicated below:

- (C) to signify change in regulation
- (D) to signify a deletion
- (I) to signify a rate increase
- (L) to signify material relocated in the tariff
- (N) to signify a new rate or regulation
- (R) to signify a rate reduction
- (T) to signify a change in text, but no change in rate or regulation

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**SECTION 1 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

Access Line - An arrangement from a local exchange telephone company or other common carrier, using either dedicated or switched access, which connects a Customer's location to the Company's location or switching center.

Authorization Code - A numerical code, one or more of which may be assigned to a Customer, to enable the Company to identify the origin of the Customer so it may rate and bill the call. Automatic number identification (ANI) is used as the authorization code wherever possible.

Commission - Used throughout this tariff to mean the Ohio Public Utilities Commission.

Customer - The person, firm, corporation or other legal entity which orders the services of the Company or purchases a Company Prepaid Calling Card and/or originates prepaid calls using such cards, and is responsible for the payment of charges and for compliance with the Company's tariff regulations.

Company or Pulse - Used throughout this tariff to mean Pulse Telecom LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company.

Dedicated Access - The Customer gains entry to the Company's services by a direct path from the Customer's location to the Company's point of presence

Prepaid Account - An inventory of Telecom Units purchased in advance by the Customer, and associated with one and only one Authorization Code as contained in a specific Prepaid Calling Card.

Prepaid Calling Card - A card issued by the Company, containing an Authorization Code which identifies a specific Prepaid Account of Telecom Units, which enables calls to be processed, account activity to be logged, and balances to be maintained, on a prepayment basis.

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Resp. Org – Responsible Organization or entity identified by a Toll-Free service Customer that manages and administers records in the toll free number database and management system.

Switched Access - The Customer gains entry to the Company's services by a transmission line that is switched through the local exchange carrier to reach the Company's point of presence.

Telecom Unit - A measurement of telecommunications service equivalent to one minute of usage between any two points within the State of Ohio.

Telecommunications - The transmission, between or among points specified by the user, of information of the user's choosing, without change in the form or content of the information as sent and received.

Underlying Carrier - The telecommunications carrier whose network facilities provide the technical capability and capacity necessary for the transmission and reception of Customer telecommunications traffic.

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**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS****2.1 Undertaking of the Company**

This tariff contains the regulations and rates applicable to intrastate interexchange telecommunications services provided by the Company for telecommunications between points within the State of Ohio. All terms and conditions herein will comply with Ohio Minimum Telephone Service Standards. Services are furnished subject to the availability of facilities and subject to the terms and conditions of this tariff in compliance with limitations set forth in the Commission rules. The Company's services are provided on a statewide basis and are not intended to be limited geographically. The Company offers service to all those who desire to purchase service from the Company consistent with all of the provisions of this tariff. Customers interested in the Company's services shall file a service application with the Company which fully identifies the Customer, the services requested and other information requested by the Company. The Company may act as the Customer's agent for ordering access connection facilities provided by other carriers or entities when authorized by the Customer, to allow connection of a Customer's location to a service provided by the Company. The Customer shall be responsible for all charges due for such service arrangement.

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- 2.1.1 The services provided by the Company are not part of a joint undertaking with any other entity providing telecommunications channels, facilities, or services, but may involve the resale of the Message Toll Services (MTS) and Wide Area Telecommunications Services (WATS) of underlying common carriers subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- 2.1.2 The rates and regulations contained in this tariff apply only to the services furnished by the Company and do not apply, unless otherwise specified, to the lines, facilities, or services provided by a local exchange telephone company or other common carriers for use in accessing the services of the Company.

**2.2 Use of Services**

- 2.2.1 The Company's services may be used for any lawful purpose consistent with the transmission and switching parameters of the telecommunications facilities utilized in the provision of services, subject to any limitations set forth in this Section 2.2.
- 2.2.2 The use of the Company's services to make calls which might reasonably be expected to frighten, abuse, torment, or harass another or in such a way as to unreasonably interfere with use by others is prohibited.
- 2.2.3 The use of the Company's services without payment for service or attempting to avoid payment for service by fraudulent means or devices, schemes, false or invalid numbers, or false calling or credit cards is prohibited.

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- 2.2.4 The Company's services are available for use 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.
- 2.2.5 The Company does not transmit messages, but the services may be used for that purpose.
- 2.2.6 The Company's services may be denied for nonpayment in compliance with Ohio MTSS Rule 17.
- 2.2.7 Customers shall not use the service provided under this tariff for any unlawful purpose.
- 2.2.8 The Customer shall immediately notify the Company of any unauthorized use of services.

**2.3 Liability of the Company**

- 2.3.1 The Company shall not be liable for, and shall be fully indemnified and held harmless by the Customer against any claim, loss, expense, or damage for defamation, libel, slander, invasion, infringement of copyright or patent, unauthorized use of any trademark, trade name or service mark, proprietary or creative right, or any other injury to any person, property or entity arising out of the material, data or information transmitted.

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- 2.3.2 No agent or employee of any other carrier or entity shall be deemed to be an agent or employee of the Company.
- 2.3.3 Unless caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the company, its liability for damages, resulting in whole or in part from or arising in connection with the furnishing of service under this tariff, including but not limited to mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors, or other defects or misrepresentations shall not exceed an amount equal to the charges provided for under this tariff for the long distance call for the period during which the call was affected.
- 2.3.4 Unless caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the company, it shall not be liable for any and all loss, claims, demands, suits, or other action or any liability whatsoever, whether suffered, made, instituted, or asserted by any Customer or any other entity for any personal injury to, or death of, any person or persons, and for any loss, damage, defacement or destruction of the premises of any Customer.
- 2.3.5 The Company shall not be liable for any indirect, special, incidental, or consequential damages under this tariff including, but not limited to, loss of revenue or profits, for any reason whatsoever, including the breakdown of facilities associated with the service, or for any mistakes, omissions, delays, errors, or defects in transmission occurring during the course of furnishing service.

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2.3.6 The remedies set forth herein are exclusive and in lieu of all other warranties and remedies, whether express, implied, or statutory, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

2.3.7 Approval of limitation of liability language by the PUCO does not constitute a determination by the Commission that the limitation of liability imposed by the Company should be upheld in a court of law. Approval by the Commission merely recognizes that since it is a courts responsibility to adjudicate negligence and consequent damage claims, it is also the court's responsibility to determine the validity of the exculpatory clause.

**2.4 Responsibilities of the Customer**

2.4.1 The Customer is responsible for placing any necessary orders and complying with tariff regulations. The Customer is also responsible for the payment of charges for services provided under this tariff.

2.4.2 The Customer is responsible for charges incurred for special construction and/or special facilities which the Customer requests and which are ordered by the Company on the Customer's behalf.

2.4.3 If required for the provision of the Company's services, the Customer must provide any equipment space, supporting structure, conduit and electrical power without charge to the Company.

2.4.4 The Customer is responsible for arranging access to its premises at times mutually agreeable to the Company and the Customer when required for Company personnel to install, repair, maintain, program, inspect or remove equipment associated with the provision of the Company's services.

2.4.5 The Customer shall cause the temperature and relative humidity in the equipment space provided by Customer for the installation of the Company's equipment to be maintained within the range normally provided for the operation of microcomputers.

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- 2.4.6 The Customer shall ensure that the equipment and/or system is properly interfaced with the Company's facilities or services, that the signals emitted into the Company's network are of the proper mode, bandwidth, power and signal level for the intended use of the subscriber and in compliance with criteria set forth in this tariff, and that the signals do not damage equipment, injure personnel, or degrade service to other Customers. If the Federal Communications Commission or some other appropriate certifying body certifies terminal equipment as being technically acceptable for direct electrical connection with interstate communications service, the Company will permit such equipment to be connected with its channels without the use of protective interface devices. If the Customer fails to maintain the equipment and/or the system properly, with resulting imminent harm to Company equipment, personnel or the quality of service to other Customers, the Company may, upon 10 days' written notice, require the use of protective equipment at the Customer's expense. If this fails to produce satisfactory quality and safety, the Company may, upon 10 days' written notice, terminate the Customer's service in compliance with Ohio MTSS Rule 17.
- 2.4.7 The Customer must pay the Company for replacement or repair of damage to the equipment or facilities of The Company caused by negligence or willful act of the Customer or others, by improper use of the services, or by use of equipment provided by Customer or others.
- 2.4.8 The Customer must pay for the loss through theft of any Company equipment installed at Customer's premises.

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2.4.9 If the Company installs equipment at Customer's premises, the Customer shall be responsible for payment of any applicable installation charge.

2.4.10 The Customer must use the services offered in this tariff in a manner consistent with the terms of this tariff and the policies and regulations of all state, federal and local authorities having jurisdiction over the service.

**2.5 Cancellation or Interruption of Services**

Cancellation or interruption of services practices will be in accordance with the Minimum Telephone Service Standards, Section 4901:1-5-17.

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**2.6     Credit Allowance**

- 2.6.1     Credit allowance for the interruption of service which is not due to the Company's testing or adjusting, negligence of the Customer, or to the failure of channels or equipment provided by the Customer, are subject to the general liability provisions set forth in 2.3 herein. It shall be the obligation of the Customer to notify the Company immediately of any interruption in service for which a credit allowance is desired. Before giving such notice, the Customer shall ascertain that the trouble is not being caused by any action or omission by the Customer within his control, or is not in wiring or equipment, if any, furnished by the Customer and connected to the Company's facilities.
- 2.6.2     No credit is allowed in the event that service must be interrupted in order to provide routine service quality or related investigations.
- 2.6.3     Credit for failure of service shall be allowed only when such failure is caused by or occurs due to causes within the control of the Company or in the event that the Company is entitled to a credit for the failure of the facilities of the Company's Underlying Carrier used to furnish service.
- 2.6.4     Credit for interruption shall commence after the Customer notifies the Company of the interruption or when the Company becomes aware thereof, and ceases when service has been restored.
- 2.6.5     For purposes of credit computation, every month shall be considered to have 720 hours.

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2.6.6 No credit shall be allowed for an interruption of a continuous duration of less than two hours.

2.6.7 The Customer shall be credited for an interruption of two hours or more at the rate of 1/720th of the monthly charge for the facilities affected for each hour or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues.

Credit Formula:

$$\text{Credit} = \frac{A}{720} \times B$$

"A" - outage time in hours

"B" - monthly charge for affected activity

**2.7 Restoration of Service**

The use and restoration of service shall be in accordance with the priority system specified in part 64, Subpart D of the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Communications Commission.

**2.8 Deposit**

The Company does not require deposits to commence service.

**2.9 Reserved For Future Use**

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**2.10    Payment and Billing**

Payment and billing practices will be in compliance with the Minimum Telephone Service Standards, Section 4901:1-5-15, 4901:1-5-17 and 4901:1-5-13.

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**2.11    Reserved For Future Use**

**2.12    Reserved For Future Use**

**2.13    Late Charge**

A late fee of 1.5% monthly or the amount otherwise authorized by law, whichever is lower, will be charged on any past due balances. Late payment fees should not include interest on previously charged late payment fees. The late payment charge will not be applied to previous late payment charges that have been assessed but not yet paid for, but will apply to the accumulated services for which the customer is in arrears. Late payment charges will be applied without discrimination.

**2.14    Returned Check Charge**

A fee of \$25.00 will be charged whenever a check or draft presented for payment for service is not accepted by the institution on which it is written. The Company may waive the returned check charge under appropriate circumstances.

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**SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE**

**3.1 Computation of Charges**

3.1.1 The total charge for each completed call may be a variable measured charge dependent on the duration, distance and time of day of the call. The total charge for each completed call may also be dependent only on the duration of the call, i.e. a statewide flat rate per minute charge. The variable measured charge is specified as a rate per minute which is applied to each minute. All calls are measured in increments as set forth in the Rates Section of this tariff. Fractions of a billing increment are rounded up to a full billing increment on a per call basis. Fractions of a cent per minute are rounded up to a full cent on a per call basis.

3.1.2 Where mileage bands appear in a rate table, rates for all calls are based upon the airline distance between the originating and terminating points of the call, as determined by the vertical and horizontal coordinates associated with the exchange (the area code and three digit central office code) associated with the originating and terminating telephone numbers. If the Customer obtains access to the Company's network by a dedicated access circuit, that circuit will be assigned an exchange for rating purposes based upon the Customer's main telephone number at the location where the dedicated access circuit terminates. The vertical and horizontal (V & H) coordinates for each exchange and the airline distance between them will be determined according to industry standards.

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3.1.3 Timing begins when the called station is answered and two way communication is possible, as determined by standard industry methods generally in use for ascertaining answer, including hardware answer supervision in which the local telephone company sends a signal to the switch or the software utilizing audio tone detection. Recognition of answer supervision is the responsibility of the Underlying Carrier. Timing for each call ends when either party hangs up. The Company will not bill for uncompleted calls.

**3.2 Customer Complaints and/or Billing Disputes**

Customer inquiries or complaints regarding service or accounting may be made in writing or by telephone at any time to the Company at:

301 South 13th Street, Suite 500  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508  
(800) 816-4734

OR

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 E. Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215  
(800) 686-PUCO (7826)

Any objection to billed charges should be reported promptly to the Company. Adjustments to Customers' bills shall be made to the extent that records are available and/or circumstances exist which reasonably indicate that such charges are not in accordance with approved rates or that an adjustment may otherwise be appropriate. Where overbilling of a subscriber occurs, due either to Company or subscriber error, credit will be issued in compliance with Ohio MTSS Rule 4901:1-5-16.

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Any credits will be paid within two billing cycles.

If a Customer accumulates more than One Dollar of undisputed delinquent Company 800 Service charges, the Company Resp. Org. reserves the right not to honor that Customer's request for a Resp. Org. change until such undisputed charges are paid in full.

**3.3 Level of Service**

A Customer can expect end to end network availability of not less than 99% at all times for all services.

**3.4 Billing Entity Conditions**

When billing functions on behalf of the Company or its intermediary are performed by local exchange telephone companies or others, the payment of charge conditions and regulations of such companies and any regulations imposed upon these companies by regulatory bodies having jurisdiction apply. The Company's name and toll-free telephone number will appear on the Customer's bill.

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**3.5    Service Offerings****3.5.1    1+ Dialing**

This service permits Customers to originate calls via switched or dedicated access lines, and to terminate intrastate calls. The customer dials "1+" followed by "ten digits" or dials "101XXXX" followed by "1+ ten digits".

**3.5.2    Travel Cards.**

The Customer utilizes an 11 digit "toll-free" access number established by the Company to access a terminal. Upon receiving a voice prompt, the Customer uses push button dialing to enter an identification code assigned by the Company, and the ten digit number of the called party.

**3.5.3    Toll Free Service.**

This service is inbound calling only where an 800, 888 or other toll-free prefix number rings into a Customer's premise routed to a specific telephone number or terminated over a dedicated facility.

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**3.5.4 Company Prepaid Calling Cards.**

This service permits use of Company Prepaid Calling Cards for placing long distance calls. Customers may purchase Company Prepaid Calling Cards at a variety of retail outlets or through other distribution channels.

Company Prepaid Calling Card service is accessed using the Company toll-free number printed on the card. The caller is prompted by an automated voice response system to enter his/her Authorization Code, and then to enter the terminating telephone number. The Company's processor tracks the call duration on a real time basis to determine the number of Telecom Units consumed. The total consumed Telecom Units and applicable taxes for each call are deducted from the remaining Telecom Unit balance on the Customer's Company Prepaid Calling Card.

All calls must be charged against a Company Prepaid Calling Card that has a sufficient Telecom Unit balance. A Customer's call will be interrupted with an announcement when the balance is about to be depleted.

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When the balance is depleted, the Customer can either call the toll-free number on the back of the Company Prepaid Calling Card and "recharge" the balance on the card using a nationally recognized credit card, or the Customer can throw the card away and purchase a new one. Calls in progress will be terminated by the Company if the balance on the Company Prepaid Calling Card is insufficient to continue the call.

A card will expire on the date indicated on the card, or if no date is specified, 6 months from the date of purchase, or the date of last recharge, whichever is later. The Company will not refund unused balances.

A credit allowance for the Company Prepaid Calling Card Service is applicable to calls that are interrupted due to poor transmission, one-way transmission, or involuntary disconnection of a call. A Customer may also be granted credit for reaching a wrong number. To receive the proper credit, the Customer must notify the Company at the designated toll-free customer service number printed on the Company Prepaid Calling Card and furnish the called number, the trouble experienced (e.g. cut-off, noisy circuit, reached wrong number, etc.), and the approximate time that the call was placed.

When a call charged to a Company Prepaid Calling Card is interrupted due to cut-off, one-way transmission, or poor transmission conditions, the Customer will receive a credit equivalent of one Telecom Unit.

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Credit allowances for calls pursuant to Company Prepaid Card Service do not apply for interruptions not reported promptly to the Company or interruptions that are due to the failure of power, equipment or systems not provided by the Company.

Credit for failure of service shall be allowed only when such failure is caused by or occurs due to causes within the control of the Company.

The Company will block all calls beginning with the NPA "900" and NXX "976" calls; therefore, such calls cannot be completed.

**3.5.5 Directory Assistance.**

Access to long distance directory assistance is obtained by dialing 1 + 555-1212 for listings within the originating area code and 1 + (area code) + 555-1212 for other listings. When more than one number is requested in a single call, a charge may apply for each number requested. A charge will be applicable for each number requested, whether or not the number is listed or published.

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**3.5.6 Specialized Pricing Arrangements.**

Customized service packages and competitive pricing packages at negotiated rates may be furnished on a case-by-case basis in response to requests by Customers to the Company for proposals or for competitive bids. Service offered under this tariff provision will be provided to Customers pursuant to contract. Unless otherwise specified, the regulations for such arrangements are in addition to the applicable regulations and prices in other sections of the tariff. Specialized rates or charges will be made available to similarly situated Customers on a non-discriminatory basis. All such specialized pricing arrangements will be filed with the Commission.

**3.5.7 Promotional Offerings**

The Company may, from time to time, make promotional offerings to enhance the marketing of its services. These offerings may be limited to certain dates, times and locations. The Company will notify the Commission of such offerings as required by Commission rules and regulations. A promotional offer cannot be more than ninety days in limit in any 12 month period of time.

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**SECTION 4 - RATES**

**4.1    1+ & 101XXXX Dialing**

\$0.15 per minute

A \$4.95 per month per number service charge applies.  
Billed in one minute increments

**4.2    Travel Cards**

\$.199 per minute

A \$.25 per call service charge applies.  
Billed in one minute increments

**4.3    Toll Free Service**

\$0.15 per minute

A \$10.00 per month per number service charge applies.  
Billed in one minute increments

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**4.4     Prepaid Calling Cards Program**

A	\$.015 Per Telecom Unit
B	\$.019 Per Telecom Unit
C	\$.025 Per Telecom Unit
D	\$.029 Per Telecom Unit
E	\$.032 Per Telecom Unit
F	\$.035 Per Telecom Unit
G	\$.039 Per Telecom Unit
H	\$.049 Per Telecom Unit
I	\$.05 Per Telecom Unit
J	\$.059 Per Telecom Unit
K	\$.06 Per Telecom Unit
L	\$.08 Per Telecom Unit
M	\$.09 Per Telecom Unit
N	\$.10 Per Telecom Unit
O	\$.11 Per Telecom Unit
P	\$.12 Per Telecom Unit
Q	\$.13 Per Telecom Unit
R	\$.14 Per Telecom Unit
S	\$.15 Per Telecom Unit
T	\$.19 Per Telecom Unit
U	\$.20 Per Telecom Unit
V	\$.25 Per Telecom Unit
W	\$.29 Per Telecom Unit
X	\$.30 Per Telecom Unit
Y	\$.33 Per Telecom Unit
Z	\$.35 Per Telecom Unit
AA	\$.39 Per Telecom Unit
BB	\$.40 Per Telecom Unit
CC	\$.50 Per Telecom Unit
DD	\$.005 Per Telecom Unit
EE	\$.01 Per Telecom Unit
FF	\$.07 Per Telecom Unit

A \$.99 per call service charge applies.

A one-time maintenance fee of \$1.00 applies after the 1<sup>st</sup> call.

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**4.5    Directory Assistance**

\$.95

**4.6    Returned Check Charge**

\$25.00

**4.7    Rate Periods**

	Monday - Friday	Sat.	Sun.
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.*	Daytime Rate Period	Evening Rate Period	
5 p.m. to 11 p.m.*	Evening Rate Period		
11 p.m. to 8 a.m.*	Night/Weekend Rate Period		

\* To, but not including

When a message spans more than one rate period, total charges for the minutes in each rate period are calculated and the results for each rate period are totaled to obtain the total message charge. If the calculation results in a fractional charge, the amount will be rounded up to the higher cent.

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**4.8     Payphone Dial Around Surcharge**

A dial around surcharge of \$.50 per call will be added to any completed intrastate toll access code and subscriber toll-free 800/888 type calls placed from a public or semi-public payphone.

**4.9     Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier Charge**

A Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier Charge ("PICC") applies on a monthly basis to Multi-line Business Customers at the prevailing rate.

**4.10    Reserved for Future Use**

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**4.11 Traditional Operator Service Usage Rates**

## Initial Period and Additional Minutes Rates

Day		Evening		Night & Weekend	
Initial Minute	Initial Minute	Initial Minute	Each Add'l Minute	Initial Minute	Each Add'l Minute
\$0.45	\$0.45	\$0.45	\$0.45	\$0.45	\$0.45

**4.12 Operator Assisted Call Surcharges**

## General

When a customer requests that a call be handled in such a manner that operator assistance in completion of the call is necessary, such as alternate billing, person-to-person service, or requests other special handling of the call, appropriate Operator Assisted Call Surcharges apply as follows.

The Operator Assisted Call Surcharge applies in addition to the Assisted Call Usage as specified in Section 4.9.

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**Rates and Charges**

	Per Call Charge
Automated Calling Card Station-to-Station	\$0.95
Customer Dialed - Operator Assisted – Calling Card Station-to-Station	\$1.95
Operator Handled - Station-to-Station	\$1.75
Operator Handled - Person-to-Person	\$2.75
Operator Handled - Third Number Billed	\$2.25

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**TELEPHONE SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FORM**

Pursuant to Case Nos. 95-845-TP-COI, 99-998-TP-COI, 99-563-TP-COI, and 04-1785-TP-ORD

The provider affirms that it is in compliance with Commission directives concerning the following checked items, and that this represents an up-to-date listing of applicable "generic" service requirements. The provider understands that this in no way supersedes the context of the applicable Commission orders described below. Unless otherwise specified, this language replaces the need for related language to be contained in the provider's tariff.

A. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE AND CTS PROVIDERS (unless otherwise noted):

☒ 1. **SALES TAX** (See also Case No. 87-1010-TP-UNC)

Certain telecommunication services, as defined in the Ohio Revised Code, are subject to state sales tax at the prevailing tax rates, if the services originate, or terminate in Ohio, or both, and are charged to a subscriber's telephone number or account in Ohio.

☒ 2. **MTSS TARIFF REQUIREMENTS**

☒ The provider attests that its tariffs include:

- provider-specific language addressing the deposit method (as cited in 4901:1-5-13) adopted by the company and approved by the Commission;
- Toll Caps (choose one):
  - language addressing the provider-specific parameters of toll caps approved by the Commission, OR
  - X** not applicable since the provider has not chosen to incorporate toll caps.
- language regarding establishment of service, including requirements to establish creditworthiness, as cited in 4901:1-5-13;
- language regarding residential service guarantors, as cited in 4901:1-5-14;
- language regarding subscriber bills, as cited in 4901:1-5-15;

- language regarding subscriber billing adjustments for local exchange service, as cited in 4901:1-5-16; and,
- language regarding denial or disconnection of local and/or toll service, including the requirements for the reconnection of local and/or toll service, as cited in 4901:1-5-17.

Check the boxes below to attest that the provider shall adhere to the following criteria when the provider implements cancellation of service policies and/or requests an advance payment:

**X**      Cancellation of Service:

When a customer cancels an application for service prior to the start of service or prior to any special construction, no charges will be imposed except for those specified below:

Where the company has notified a customer or prospective customer of the possibility that special expenses may be incurred in connection with provisioning the customer's service, and then the company does incur such expenses. Expenses could include special construction, or where special arrangements of facilities or equipment have begun before the company received a cancellation notice. The charge will be equal to the costs actually incurred, less net salvage;

**X**      Advance Payment:

Advance Payment means a payment that may be required by the company as a means of being compensated for extraordinary expenses, including, but not limited to, special construction costs associated with a particular service installation.

☒ 3. **SURCHARGES**

The company shall not assess separately any taxes, fees or surcharges, other than government-approved sales taxes imposed directly on the end users, without seeking Commission approval under the appropriate procedures required by the Commission. Generally, the Commission will not grant the inclusion of gross receipts tax as a separate item on the bill unless special circumstances so warrant and the Commission specifically approves same. The company shall not place a separate line item on a customer's bill without sending notice to all customers informing them of the new line item charges in accordance with Commission-adopted notice procedures.

The customer is responsible for the payment of all state, local and E9-1-1 taxes, surcharges, utility fees, or other similar fees for which the end user is directly responsible and that may be levied by a governing body or bodies in conjunction with or as a result of a service furnished under a tariff on file with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. These charges may appear as separate line items on the customer's bill, as opposed to being included in the rates contained in a tariff. Any such line item charges will be reflected in the company's tariff.

☐ 4. **1+ INTRALATA PRESUBSCRIPTION - Basic Local Exchange Providers Only** (See Also Case No. 95-845-TP-COI, Guideline X.)

a. General

IntraLATA Presubscription is a procedure whereby a subscriber designates to the Telephone Company the carrier which the subscriber wishes to be the carrier of choice for intraLATA toll calls. Such calls are automatically directed to the designated carrier, without the need to use carrier access codes or additional dialing to direct the call to the designated carrier. IntraLATA presubscription does not prevent a subscriber who has presubscribed to an intraLATA toll carrier from using carrier access codes or additional dialing to direct calls to an alternative intraLATA toll carrier on a per call basis.

IntraLATA Presubscription will become effective upon the initial offering of certified local exchange service.

b. IntraLATA Presubscription Options

Option A: Subscriber may select the Telephone Company as the presubscribed carrier for intraLATA toll calls subject to presubscription.

Option B: Subscriber may select her/his interLATA toll carrier as the presubscribed carrier for intraLATA toll calls subject to presubscription.

Option C: Subscriber may select a carrier other than the Telephone Company or the subscriber's interLATA toll carrier as the presubscribed carrier for intraLATA toll calls subject to presubscription.

Option D; Subscriber may select no presubscribed carrier for intraLATA toll calls subject to presubscription which will require the subscriber to dial a carrier access code to route all intraLATA toll calls to the carrier of choice for each call.

c. Rules and Regulations

Subscribers of record will retain their current dialing arrangements until they request that their dialing arrangements be changed.

Subscribers of record or new subscribers may select either Options A, B, C, or D for intraLATA Presubscription.

Subscribers may change their selected Option and/or their presubscribed intraLATA toll carrier at any time subject to charges specified in Paragraph E, below.

d. IntraLATA Presubscription Procedures

New subscribers will be asked to select an intraLATA toll carrier(s) at the time the subscriber places an order to establish local exchange service with the Telephone Company. The Telephone Company will process the subscriber's order for intraLATA service. The selected carrier(s) will confirm their respective subscribers' verbal selection by third-party verification or return written confirmation notices. All new subscribers' initial requests for intraLATA toll service presubscription shall be provided free of charge.

If a new subscriber is unable to make a selection at the time the new subscriber places an order to establish local exchange service, the Telephone Company will read a random listing of all available intraLATA carriers to aid the subscriber in selection. If selection is still not possible, the Telephone Company will inform the subscriber that he/she will be given 90 calendar days in which to inform the Telephone Company of an intraLATA toll carrier presubscription selection free of charge. Until the subscriber informs the Telephone Company of his/her choice for intraLATA toll carrier, the subscriber will not have a presubscribed intraLATA toll carrier, but rather will be required to dial a carrier access code to route all intraLATA toll calls to the carrier(s) of choice. Subscribers who inform the Telephone Company of a choice for intraLATA toll presubscription within the 90-day period will not be assessed a service charge for the initial subscriber request.

Subscribers of record may initiate an intraLATA presubscription change at any time subject to the charges specified in e.ii. below. If a customer of record inquires of the Telephone Company of the carriers available for intraLATA toll presubscription, the Telephone Company will read a random listing of all available intraLATA carriers to aid the subscriber in selection.

e. IntraLATA Presubscription Charges

i. Application of Charges

After a subscriber's initial selection for a presubscribed intraLATA toll carrier and as detailed in Paragraph D above, for any change thereafter, an IntraLATA Presubscription Change Charge will apply. The IntraLATA Presubscription Change Charge shall be applied as follows:

- a. The charge shall be no greater than those set forth in Paragraph (e)(ii), unless modified by a company-specific Commission-approved tariff.
- b. If a Subscriber changes both the InterLATA and IntraLATA Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier at the same time, 50% of the otherwise applicable IntraLATA Presubscription Change Charge will apply.

## ii. Nonrecurring Charges IntraLATA Presubscription Change Charge

Per business or residence line, trunk, or port:

--	Manual Process	\$5.50
--	Electronic Process	\$1.25

B. REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVISION OF CERTAIN SERVICES, OR WHERE CERTAIN CONDITIONS OF SERVICE ARE UTILIZED (check all applicable):X 1. DISCOUNTS FOR PERSONS WITH COMMUNICATION DISABILITIES AND THE TELECOMMUNICATION RELAY SERVICE

Applicable to all telephone companies offering message toll service (MTS)  
(See also Case Nos. 87-206-TP-COI and 91-113-TP-COI):

- a. For purposes of these requirements, the definition of disabled refers to those persons with communication disabilities, including those hearing-disabled, deaf, deaf/blind, and speech-disabled persons who have a disability that prevents them from communicating over the telephone without the aid of a telecommunications device for the communicatively disabled.
- b. Residential disabled customers or disabled members of a customer's household, upon written application and upon certification of their disabled status, which is evidenced by either a certificate from a physician, health care official, state agency, or a diploma from an accredited educational institution for the disabled, are eligible to receive a discount off their MTS rates, and, if they utilize telebraille devices, they are eligible to receive free access to local and intrastate long distance directory assistance. Additionally, TDD lines maintained by non-profit organizations and governmental agencies, upon written application and verification that such lines are maintained for the benefit of the disabled, are eligible to receive a discount off their MTS rates.
- c. Upon receipt of the appropriate application, and certification or verification of a person with a communication disability, one of the following discounts shall be made available for the benefit of the disabled person:



- i. Off the basic MTS, current, price list day rates: a 40 percent discount off the intrastate, interexchange, customer-dialed, station-to-station calls occurring between 8:00 a.m. and 4:59 p.m. Monday through Friday; a 60 percent discount off the intrastate, interexchange, customer-dialed, station-to-station calls occurring between 5:00 p.m. and 10:59 p.m. Sunday through Friday, and New Year's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas; and a 70 percent discount off the intrastate, interexchange, customer-dialed, station-to-station calls occurring between 11:00 p.m. and 7:59 a.m. any day, 8:00 a.m. and 4:59 p.m. Sunday, and all day Saturday; or
- ii. Off the basic MTS, current, price list day rates: no less than a straight 70 percent discount shall be made available on a 24 hour a day basis; or
- iii. For MTS which is offered similar to the mileage-banded rate structure established in the Commission's April 9, 1985 Opinion and Order in Case No. 84-944-TP-COI, with the traditional day, evening, and night/weekend discounts: the "evening" discount off the intrastate, interexchange, customer-dialed, station-to-station calls placed during the "day" period Monday through Friday; and the "night/ weekend" discount off the intrastate, interexchange, customer-dialed, station-to-station calls placed during the "evening" period Sunday through Friday, and on New Year's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Furthermore, the "night/ weekend" discount plus an additional discount equivalent to no less than ten percent of the company's current, price list, "day" rates for basic MTS shall be made available for intrastate, interexchange, customer-dialed, station-to-station calls placed during the "night/weekend" period any day, the "day" period Sunday, and all day Saturday.
- d. All MTS calls placed through the telecommunication relay service (TRS) are eligible to receive a discount off the MTS rates. The rate discounts are the same as those set forth in paragraph 1.c. preceding. The discount shall not apply to sponsor charges associated with calls placed to pay-per-call services, such as 900, 976, or 900-like calls.

**X 2. EMERGENCY SERVICES CALLING PLAN**

Applicable to all CLECs and CTSs offering MTS (See also Case Nos. 85-1466-TP-COI and 89-54-TP-COI):

Message toll telephone calls to governmental emergency service agencies, as set forth in (a) following, having primary or principal responsibility with respect to the provision of emergency services to persons and property in the area from which the call is made, meeting the definition and criteria of an emergency call as set forth in (b) following, are offered at no charge to customers:

- a. Governmental fire fighting, Ohio State Highway Patrol, police, and emergency squad service (as designated by the appropriate governmental agency) qualify as governmental emergency service agencies provided they answer emergency service calls on a personally attended (live) 24-hour basis, 365 days a year, including holidays.
- b. An emergency is an occurrence or set of circumstances in which conditions pose immediate threat to human life, property, or both, and necessitate that prompt action be taken. An emergency call is an originated call of short duration to a governmental emergency service agency in order to seek assistance for such an emergency.

**3. ALTERNATIVE OPERATOR SERVICES**

By checking this box, the provider attests that it will provide alternative operator services (AOS) as defined in Rule 4901:1-6-01(A) of the Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.) in compliance with all of the AOS service parameters set forth in Rule 4901:1-6-23, O.A.C.

**X 4. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

The following is applicable to all telephone companies that choose to include in their tariffs language which may limit their liability (See also Case No. 85-1406-AU-COI):

Approval of limitation of liability language by the PUCO does not constitute a determination by the Commission that the limitation of liability imposed by the company should be upheld in a court of law. Approval by the Commission merely recognizes that since it is a courts responsibility to adjudicate negligence and consequent damage claims, it is also the court's responsibility to determine the validity of the exculpatory clause.

**X 5. TERMINATION LIABILITY**

The following is applicable to all telephone companies who choose to include in their tariffs language which imposes early termination liability on a customer for termination of service prior to the designated term of service:

Inclusion of early termination liability by the company in its tariff or a contract does not constitute a determination by the Commission that the termination liability imposed by the company is approved or sanctioned by the Commission. Customers shall be free to pursue whatever legal remedies they may have should a dispute arise.

**6. SERVICE CONNECTION ASSISTANCE (SCA)**

The following is applicable to all LECs that offer local service to residential customers:

SCA is targeted to help defray the one-time, up-front costs of connecting to the local exchange network for qualified customers. It provides a waiver of the deposit requirement, full or partial waiver of the service connection charges.

**7. LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILITY and NUMBER POOLING**

See Case No. 95-845-TP-COI Guideline XIV, FCC Dockets 95-116 and 99-200. NOTE: LNP and number pooling are required of all facilities-based LECs, regardless of size, and CMRS where currently rolled-out by the FCC or as a result of a bona fide request unless granted an extension, exemption, or waiver by the Commission or the FCC.

## **8. TARIFFING AND DISCONNECTION PROCEDURES FOR SERVICE PACKAGES OR BUNDLES**

Applicable to all LECs packaging or bundling regulated local services with toll service and/or unregulated services. See Rule 4901:1-6-21(C), Ohio Administrative Code.

### ***Option 1***

#### **Tariffing**

Under option 1, LECs that package or bundle regulated local services with toll and/or unregulated services shall tariff only the regulated components of a package or bundle of services either as a package at a separate, single rate for the regulated components or individually at individual tarified rates. The unregulated services and any rate(s) associated with the unregulated service components of any package or bundle of services shall not be tarified.

#### **Disconnection Procedures**

Under option 1, if a customer fails to submit timely payment sufficient to cover the amount of the regulated charges, the LEC may discontinue the provision of the regulated services in compliance with Rule 4901:1-5-17, Ohio Administrative Code.

#### **Staff Notice**

Under option 1, LECs shall keep the Director of the Consumer Services Division and the Chief of Telecommunications of the Utilities Department informed and up-to-date on all current offers to consumers that bundle regulated local services with unregulated services at a single packaged rate, different from the rate shown in the tariff for the regulated components of the package. The notice to staff shall identify the regulated and unregulated services included and the packaged rate (the combined tarified and untarified rate).

## **Option 2**

### **Tariffing**

Under option 2, LECs shall tariff the entire package or bundle of services including both regulated local services and toll and/or unregulated services for a single combined packaged rate (including any amount attributable to the unregulated components). The LEC shall clearly identify the services within the package and denote which services are unregulated.

### **Disconnection Procedures**

Under option 2, if a customer fails to submit timely payment sufficient to cover the entire amount of the regulated and unregulated bundled packaged rate, the LEC may discontinue the provision of any regulated and unregulated services, other than basic local exchange service, if payment is sufficient to cover the rate for basic local exchange service. For purposes of this rule, the rate for basic local exchange service shall be the tariffed rate for stand-alone basic local exchange service. In the event a CLEC does not offer basic local exchange service on a stand-alone basis, the CLEC shall identify an amount in the tariff for the basic local exchange service component of the package. In no event shall this amount exceed the packaged rate. Further, if the customer loses services included in the package due to non-payment or partial payment pursuant to this rule, the customer shall be entitled to add, change, or discontinue any regulated services provided according to the LEC's normal procedures for adding, changing or discontinuing such services.

### **Disconnection Notice**

Under option 2, the LEC shall, in its notice of disconnection for non-payment, state the total amount due to avoid discontinuance of the package, as well as the total amount due to avoid discontinuance of the basic local exchange service component of the package.

## **9. INMATE OPERATOR SERVICES**

By checking this box, the provider attests that it will provide inmate operator services (IOS) as defined in Rule 4901:1-6-01(A) of the Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.) in compliance with all of the IOS service parameters set forth in Rule 4901:1-6-23, O.A.C.